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SUBJ: DANANG DEMONSTRATION AGAINST COMMUNIST CAPTURE OF
PHUOC LONG

1. A. DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING THE COMMUNIST SEIZURE OF PHUOC LONG PROVINCE WAS HELD AT DANANG CITY STADIUM ON JAN 9 AT 1000. THE DEMONSTRATION WAS SPONSORED BY A PEOPLE'S ANTI-COMMUNIST COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN OF WHICH IS VUONG DUY QUYNH, AN ELDERLY VNQDD POLITICAL FIGURE AND ONE-TIME UNSUCCESSFUL LOWER HOUSE CANDIDATE. ACCORDING TO DANANG NATIONAL POLICE, 30,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE RALLY. VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL WHO OBSERVED THE RALLY HAVE SAID THAT MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS WERE STUDENTS.

2. ACCORDING TO THE CONGEN EMPLOYEES OBSERVING THE RALLY, VIPS ATTENDING INCLUDED DANANG MAYOR COL. DAO TRUONG TUONG, THE DEPUTY
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MAYOR, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY COUNCIL, THE JUDGE OF DANANG COURT,

THE ACTING RECTOR OF QUANG DA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SERVICE CHIEFS, VARIOUS NOTABLES AND THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN QUYNH. FOLLOWING A REPORT ON THE PHUOC LONG BATTLE BY THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, REPRESENTATIVES OF LABOR, YOUTHS AND STUDENTS PRESENTED PETITIONS PROTESTING THE SEIZURE OF PHUOC LONG PROVINCE AND EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT OF THE GVN AND ARVN. HIGHLIGHTING THE MEETING WAS THE SPEECH OF MR. QUYNH IN WHICH HE APPEALED TO ALLIED NATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES, TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT TO THE ARVN WHO ARE FIGHTING WITH LIMITED MEANS AGAINST LARGE COMMUNIST FORCES WITH HEAVY TANKS AND WEAPONS. AMONG OTHER POINTS HE SAID THE COMMUNISTS NO LONGER RESPECTED THE PARIS AGREEMENT, NOR DID THEY RESPECT HUMAN LIFE, AS SHOWN WHEN THEY REJECTED THE GVN PROPOSAL FOR A TEMPORARY CEASEFIRE TO EVACUATE NONCOMBATANTS. THE MAYOR THEN ACCEPTED THE PETITIONS MENTIONED ABOVE TO FOWARD TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNEMTN AND SWORE, BOTH IN HIS CAPACITY AS MAYOR AND AS COMMANDER OF SECTOR FORCES, TO LEAD THE PEOPLE IN DEFENSE OF THE CITY AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS.

3. IN QUANG TRI, A CONGEN POLOFF OBSERVED A DEMONSTRATION OF APPROXIMATELY 2,000 PERSONS (ALSO MOSTLY STUDENTS) IN HAI TRUONG VILLAGE, HAI LANG DISTRICT, PROTESTING THE FALL OF PHUOC LONG.

REPORTEDLY AN ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO PRESENT A PROTEST PETITION TO WHOMEVER WILL RECEIVE IT AT THE QUANG TRI ICCS TEAM SITE.
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